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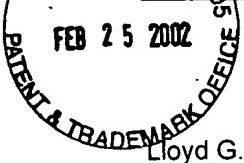
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:

- drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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IN RE APPLICATION OF

AYERS ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 09/944,803

FILED: AUGUST 31, 2001

FOR: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING PRODUCT SALES DATA/
FOR EXTERNAL REPORTS**Attention: Box Missing Parts**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Sir:

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted dated October 5, 2001 (a copy of which is enclosed) has a shortened statutory time set to expire on December 5, 2001.

A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a). Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation in the amount of \$920 for payment of the extension fee.

In response, applicant now submits an original or copy of a fully executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Please charge the \$130 surcharge fee under 37 CFR §1.16(e) to Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

A duplicate copy of this letter is provided for charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,



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